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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: SANDS VISIT

1. JOHN M. SANDS, DIRECTOR, MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS
DIVISION, USDOC, INTENDS VISIT ABIDJAN APRIL 24
THROUGH 27 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY AND APPROPRIATE
GOI OFFICIALS REGARDING MAJOR PROJECTS IN IVORY COAST,
WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO MINING RAILROAD, TAABO
HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY, AND SUGAR MILL DEVELOPMENTS.

2. SANDS PLANS ARRIVE ABIDJAN 12:20, THURSDAY,
APRIL 24, ON AIR AFRIQUE 519 FROM LAGOS. HE HAS
CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS AT HOTEL IVOIRE WHERE HE PLANS
TO STAY UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE 13:20, SUNDAY, APRIL 27,
ON AIR ZAIRE 50 FOR DAKAR. APRIL 24 ARRIVAL DATE REPLACES
APRIL 23 MENTIONED IN REFTEL.

3. SANDS MET WITH AMB. AHOUA IN WASHINGTON LAST FRIDAY,
APRIL 11, TO DISCUSS PROJECTS IN IVORY COAST AND INFORM
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AMBASSADOR OF HIS TRAVEL PLANS. AMB. AHOUA TOLD SANDS

HE INTENDED TO CABLE HIS GOVERNMENT WITH SUGGESTION THAT
PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY AND SEVERAL CABINET OFFICERS
MEET WITH SANDS DURING HIS VISIT. WHETHER OR NOT THESE
ARRANGEMENTS MATERIALIZE, SANDS BELIEVES NO MORE

THAN TWO OR THREE APPOINTMENTS WITH KEY OFFICIALS RESPON-
SIBLE FOR FOREGOING PROJECTS, ESPECIALLY MINISTER OF
MINES GUI DIBO ARE NECESSARY. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE OBTAIN-
ING APPOINTMENTS WITH THESE LATTER OFFICIALS WOULD BE
APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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